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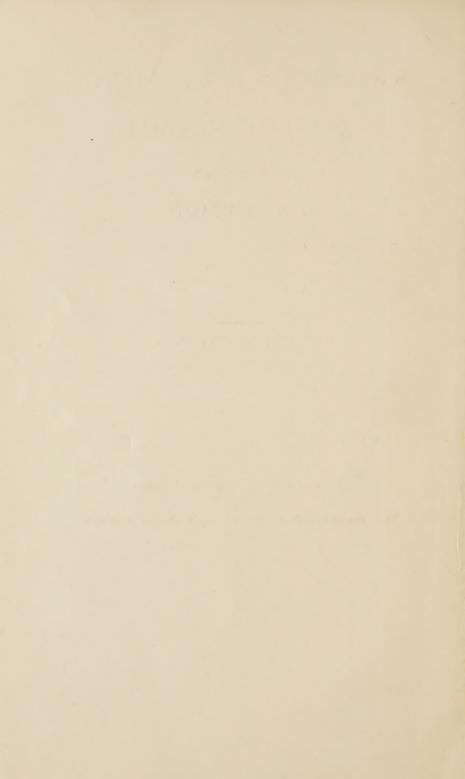
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The Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute

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PREFACE

THE slave music of the South presents a field for research and study very extensive and rich, and one which has been scarcely more than entered upon.

There are evidently, I think, two legitimate methods of treating this music: either to render it in its absolute, rude simplicity, or to develop it without destroying its original characteristics; the only proper field for such development being in harmony.

Practical experience shows the necessity, in some cases, of making compensation for its loss in being transplanted. Half its effectiveness in its home depends upon accompaniments which can be carried away only in memory. The inspiration of numbers; the overpowering chorus, covering defects; the swaying of the body; the rhythmical stamping of the feet; and all the wild enthusiasm of the Negro campmeeting —these evidently cannot be transported to the boards of a public performance. To secure variety and do justice to the music, I have, therefore, treated it by both methods. The most characteristic of the songs are left entirely or nearly untouched. On the other hand the improvement which a careful bringing out of the various parts has effected in such pieces as "Some o' dese Mornin's," "Bright Sparkles in de Churchyard," "Dust an' Ashes," and "The Church of God," which seemed especially susceptible to such development, suggests possibilities of making more than has ever yet been made out of this slave music.

Another obstacle to its rendering is the fact that tones are frequently employed which we have no musical characters to represent. Such, for example, is that which I have indicated as nearly as possible by the flat seventh in "Great Campmeetin'," "Hard Trials," and others. These tones are variable in pitch, ranging through an entire interval on different occasions, according to the inspiration of the singer.

They are rarely discordant and often add a charm to the performance. It is of course impossible to explain them in words, and to those who wish to sing them, the best advice is that most useful in learning to pronounce a foreign language: Study all the rules you please; then—go listen to a native.

One reason for publishing this slave music is that it is rapidly passing away. It may be that this people which has developed such a wonderful musical sense in its degradation will, in its maturity, produce a composer who could bring a music of the future out of the music of the past. At present, however, the freedmen have an unfortunate inclination to despise it as a vestige of slavery; those who learned it in the old time, when it was the natural outpouring of their sorrows and longings, are dying off; and if efforts are not made for its preservation the country will soon have lost this wonderful music of bondage.

The melodies in this book, with few exceptions, are published here for the first time, and the exceptions are themselves original in arrangement and effect. The words of the slave hymns are often common property through the South, but are sung to different tunes in different sections of the country.

THOMAS P. FENNER.

HAMPTON, VA., January 1, 1874.

INTRODUCTION

IN publishing this new and enlarged edition of the Hampton Songs, little explanation is needed, for it is done in ton Songs, little explanation is needed, for it is done in response to a demand. Ever since the publication of the first edition in 1874, when the band of Hampton Student Singers were helping to raise the walls of Virginia Hall by its concerts in the North, there have been frequent requests for their music. Meanwhile, though the old favorites have not been neglected, many more melodies, striking and beautiful, have been brought in by students from various parts of the South. The field seems almost inexhaustible. Their origin no one exactly knows. An old "aunty," questioned on the subject, declared that "When Mass'r Jesus He walk de earth, when He feel tired He sit a-restin' on Jacob's well and make up dese yer spirituals for His people." A half-familiar strain. recalling some old ballad or psalm-tune, now and then suggests a possible solution for some of them; and, as Lowell said of Chaucer, "If one can transmute lead into gold, why ask where he got his lead?" So strikingly original, as well as of such quaint, pathetic, even artistic beauty, are most of them, that they justify Edward Everett Hale's assertion that they are "the only American music."

A consideration of the slave music of the South, from the musician's standpoint, was made by Mr. Thomas P. Fenner, who trained the original band of Hampton Student Singers and arranged the songs in the first edition of this book, his preface to which is subjoined. The disposition which he noticed in the freedmen to be ashamed of the songs of slave times still exists. Some of the old ring is lost with the experience that called it forth. Yet the people are still natural musicians, and it is easy to arouse in the more advanced an intelligent interest in the characteristic music which excites

so much sympathy and respect for their race, and is so identified with their past history and their present fortunes.

NOTE TO NEW EDITION

For the fourth time we are publishing these Negro Religious Folk Songs. To this edition are being added some twenty-five new ones, for the use of which we wish to acknowledge the courtesy of Professor F. J. Work of Fisk University, Mrs. Jennie C. Lee of Tuskegee Institute, the Calhoun Colored School, and the Penn School.

It is exceedingly gratifying to know that these songs and Negro Folklore generally are not only continuing to hold their own among white people but are becoming more and more popular with Negroes themselves. General Armstrong often referred to the plantation songs as a wonderful possession which the Negro should hold on to as a priceless legacy. They are truly a priceless legacy. Though the words are sometimes rude and the strains often wild, yet they are the outpourings of an ignorant and poverty-stricken people whose religious longings and ideals struggled for expression and found it through limited vocabularies and primitive harmonies. They are not merely poetry, they are more than poetry, they are life itself—the life of the human soul manifesting itself in rude words, wild strains, and curious though beautiful harmonies.

For nearly a score of years I have led the plantation songs at Hampton Institute, and while in a general way we adhere to the music as notated in this book, we find that the best results are usually obtained by allowing the students, after they have once caught the air, to sing as seems to them most easy and natural.

ROBERT R. MOTON, Commandant.

Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va., May 11, 1909

RELIGIOUS FOLK SONGS OF THE NEGRO

Th, den my little Soul's gwine to Shine.

"This was sung by a boy who was sold down South by his master; and when he parted from his mother, these were the words he sang."— J. H. BAILEY.



- 2 I'm gwine to climb up Jacob's ladder, Den my little soul, &c.
- 3 I'm gwine to climb up higher and higher, Den my little soul, &c.
- 4 I'm gwine to sit down at the welcome table, Den my little soul, &c.
- 5 I'm gwine to feast off milk and honey, Den my little soul, &c.
- 6 I'm gwine to tell God how-a you sarved me, Den my little soul, &c.
- 7 I'm gwine to jine de big baptizin', Den my little soul, &c.

Peter, go Ring dem Bells.

"A secret prayer-meeting song, sung by Thomas Vess, a blacksmith and a slave. He especially sang it when any one confessed religion. Thomas Vess was a man whose heart was given to these songs, for in the neighborhood where he lived, it seemed like a prayer-meeting did not go on well without him. I have long since learned wherever he was known what happiness he got from them."

J. M. WADDY. ter, go ring dem bells, Peter, go ring dem bells, Peter, go

Peter, go Ring dem Bells.—Concluded.



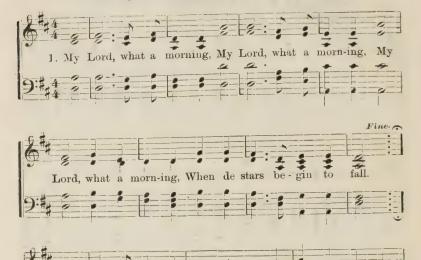


2 I wonder where sister Mary's gone—
I heard from heaven to-day;
I wonder where sister Martha's gone—
I heard from heaven to-day;
It's good news, and I thank God—
I heard from heaven to-day.
Oh, Peter, go ring dem bells—
I heard from heaven to-day.
Cho.—I heard from heaven, &c.

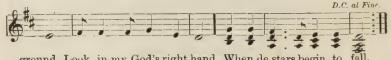
3 I wonder where brudder Moses gone—
I heard from heaven to-day;
I wonder where brudder Daniel's gone—
I heard from heaven to-day;
He's gone where Elijah has gone—
I heard from heaven to-day;
Oh, Peter, go ring dem bells—
I heard from heaven to-day.

Сно.—I heard from heaven, &c.

My Lord, what a Morning.



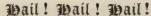
You'll hear de trumpet sound, To wake de na-tions un - der - You'll hear de sin - ner moan, To wake, &c.

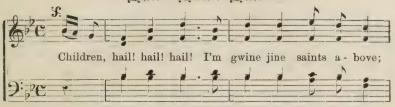


ground, Look in my God's right hand, When de stars begin to fall.

2 You'll hear de Christians shout, To wake, &c. Look in my God's right hand, When de stars, &c. You'll hear de angels sing, To wake, &c. Look in my God's right hand, When de stars, &c. Cho.—My Lord, what a morning, &c.

3 You'll see my Jesus come, To wake, &c. Look in my God's right hand, When de stars, &c. His chariot wheels roll round, To wake, &c. Look in my God's right hand, When de stars, &c. Сно.—My Lord, what a morning, &c.









2 If you git dere before I do,
I'm on my journey home—
Look out for me—I'm comin' too;
I'm on my journey home.
Cho.—Children, hail, &c.

3 Oh, hallelujah to de Lamb!
I'm on my journey home;
King Jesus died for ebry man,
I'm on my journey home.
Сно.—Children, hail, &с.

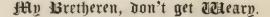
Lobe an' serbe de Lord.



Swing low, sweet Chariot.



2 Oh de good ole chariot will take us all home,
I don't want to leave me behind.
Cho.—Oh swing low, sweet chariot, &c.





2 Oh whar you runnin', sinner?
I do love de Lord—
De judgment day is a comin'!
I do love de Lord.
Cho.—My bretheren, &c.

3 You'll see de world on fire!
I do love de Lord—
You'll see de element a meltin',

I do love de Lord. Сно.—Му bretheren, &c.

4 You'll see de moon a bleedin';
I do love de Lord—
You'll see the stars a fallin';
I do love de Lord.
Cho.—My bretheren, &c.

Robody knows de trouble k'be Seen.

(This song was a favorite in the Sea Islands. Once when there had been a good deal of ill feeling excited, and trouble was apprehended, owing to the uncertain action of the Government in regard to the confiscated lands on the Sea Islands, Gen. Howard was called upon to address the colored people earnestly. To prepare them to listen, he asked them to sing. Immediately an old woman on the outskirts of the meeting began "Nobody knows the trouble I've seen," and the whole audience joined in. The General was so affected by the plaintive melody, that he found it difficult to maintain his official dignity.)



2 One day when I was walkin' along, Oh yes, Lord—
De element opened, an' de Love came down, Oh yes, &c.
I never shall forget dat day, Oh yes, &c.
When Jesus washed my sins away, Oh yes, &c.
Cho.—Oh, nobody knows de trouble I've seen, &c.



- 2 What kind o' shoes is dem-a you wear? View de land, &c. Dat you can walk upon de air? Go view, &c. Lem shoes I wear am de gospel shoes; View de land, &c. An' you can wear dem ef-a you choose; Go view, &c.—Cho.
- 3 Der' is a tree in Paradise; View de land, &c.
 De Christian he call it de tree ob life; Go view, &c.
 I spects to eat de fruit right off o' dat tree; View de land, &c,
 Ef busy old Satan will let-a me be; Go view, &c.—Cho.
- 4 You say yer Jesus set-a you free; View de land, &c. Why don't you let-a your neighbor be? Go view, &c. You say you're aiming for de skies; View de land, &c. Why don't you stop-a your telling lies; Go view, &c.—Cho.



Ef pe want to see Jesus.

"My father sang this hymn, and said he knew a time when a great many slaves were allowed to have a revival for two days, while their masters and their families had one: and a great many professed religion. And one poor, ignorant man, professed religion, and praised God, and sang this hymn." de wilderness, Go de Ef ye want to see Je wilderness, Ef ye want to see Je wil Go in the - sus. de de Lord. Oh, brother how d'ye Go in wilderness on felt so 1 feel, when ye come out de wil - der-ness, come out de - der-ness, wil - der-ness, wil - der-ness, come out de happy when I come out de when ye come out wil - der-ness. Oh brud-der, how d'ye feel

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Ef pe want to see Jesus.—Concluded.



2 I shouted Hallelujah, when I come out de wilderness-

Leanin' on de Lord;

I heard de angels singin', when I come out de wilderness-Leanin' on de Lord;

I heard de harps a harpin,' when I come out de wilderness-Leanin' on de Lord.

Сно.—Oh, leanin' on de Lord.

3 I heard de angels moanin', when I come out de wilderness-Leanin' on de Lord;

I heard de deb'l howlin', when I come out de wilderness-Leanin' on de Lord;

I gib de deb'l a battle, when I come out de wilderness-Leanin' on de Lord.

Сно.—Oh, leanin' on de Lord.



Oh, Des.—Concluded.



2.

Ef eber I land on de oder sho', Oh, yes, I'll nebber come here for to sing no mo', Oh, yes;

A golden band all round my waist, An' de palms ob vica-try in-a my hand, An' de golden slippers on to my feet, Gwine to walk up an' down o' dem golden street.

Сно.—Oh, wait till I put on my robe.

3

An' my lovely bretherin, dat aint all, Oh, yes,

I'm not done a talkin' about my Lord;
An' a golden crown a-placed on a-my head,
An' my long white robe a-come-a-dazzlin'
down,

Now wait till I get on my gospel shoes, Gwine to walk about de heaben an' a-carry de news.

Сно. —Oh, wait till I put on my robe.

4

I'm anchored in Christ, Christ anchored in me, Oh, yes, &c.,

All de deb'ls in hell can't-a-pluck a-me

An' I wonder what Satan 's grumbulin'

He's bound into hell, an' he can't git out. But he shall be loose an' hab his sway, Yea at de great resurrection day.

Сно.—Oh, wait till I put on my robe.

Verses, some of which are often added as encores.

5.

I went down de hill side to make a-one prayer, Oh, yes,

An' when I got dere, old Satan was dere, Oh, yes,

An' what do ye t'ink he said to me? Oh, yes,

Said, "Off from here you'd better be."
Oh, yes;

An' what for to do, I did not know, Oh, yes,

But I fell on my knees, an' I cried, Oh, Lord, Oh, yes,

Now my Jesus bein' so good an' kind, Yea, to de with-er-ed, halt an' blind; My Jesus lowered his mercy down, An' snatch-a-me from a-dem doors ob hell, He snatch-a-me from dem doors ob hell, An' took-a me in a-wid him to dwell.

Сно.—Oh, wait till I put on my robe.

6.

I was in de church an' prayin' loud, An' on my knees to my Jesus bowed, Ole Satan tole me to my face, "I'll git you when-a-you leave dis place;" Oh, brother, dat scare me to my heart, I was 'fraid to walk a-when it was dark. Cho.—Oh, wait till I get on my robe.

7.

I started home, but I did pray,
An' I met ole Satan on de way;
Ole Satan made a-one grab at me,
But he missed my soul, an' I went free.
My sins went a-lumberin' down to hell,
An' my soul went a-leapin' up Zion's hill;
I tell ye what, bretherm, you'd better not laugh,

Ole Satan 'll run you down his path; If he runs you, as he run me, You'll be glad to fall upon your knee. Cho.—Oh, wait till I put on my robe.



2 Swing low, chariot, into de east, I know, &c. Let God's children hab some peace; I know, &c. Swing low, chariot, into de west; I know, &c. Let God's children hab some rest; I know, &c.—Сно.

3 Swing low, chariot, into de north: I know, &c. Gib me de gold widout de dross; I know, &c. Swing low, chariot, into de south; I know, &c. Let God's children sing and shout; I know, &c.—Сно.

4 Ef dis day war judgment day, I know, &c. Ebery sinner would want to pray; I know, &c. Dat trouble it come like a gloomy cloud; I know, &c. Gader tick, au' tunder loud; I know, &c.—Сно.

Religion is a Fortune.

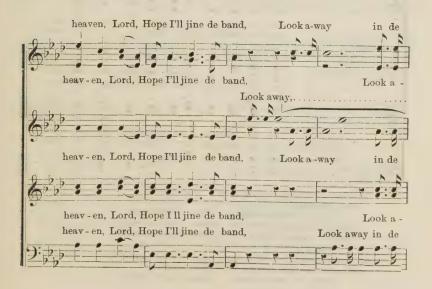


- 2 Gwine to sit down in de kingdom, I raly do believe, Whar Sabbaths, &c., Gwine to walk about in Zion, I raly do believe, Whar Sabbaths, &c., Dvo.—Whar ye ben young convert, &c.
- 3 Gwine to see my sister Mary, I raly do believe, Whar Sabbaths, &c. Gwine to see my brudder Jonah, I raly do believe. Duo.—Whar ye ben good Christian, &c.
- 4 Gwine to talk-a wid de angels, I raly do believe, Whar Sabbaths, &c., Gwine to see my massa Jesus, I raly do believe, Whar Sabbaths, &c.



Some o' dese Mornin's.—Continued



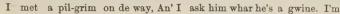


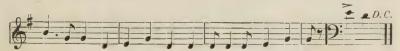


- Сно. —Look away. Hope I'll jine de band.
- 3 Gwine to walk about in Zion, some o' dese mornin's, Gwine to talk-a with de angels some o'dese mornin's, Сно. -- Look away. Hope I'll jine de band.
- 4 Gwine to talk de trouble ober some o' dese mornin's, Gwine to see my Jesus some o' dese mornin's, Hope I'll jine de band. Сно. —Look away.

Man Lord delibered Daniel.







bound for Canaan's hap - py lan', An' dis is de shout-ing band.

2.

Some say dat John de Baptist Was nothing but a Jew, But de Bible doth inform us Dat he was a preacher, too; Yes, he was! Сно. — My Lord delibered Daniel.

3.

Oh, Daniel cast in de lions den, He pray both night an' day, De angel came from Galilee, An' lock de lions' jaw. Dat's so. Сно. -- My Lord delibered Daniel.

He delibered Daniel from de lions' den. Jonah from de belly ob de whale, And de Hebrew children from de fiery furnace, And why not ebery man? Oh, yes! Сно. — My Lord delibered Daniel.

5.

De richest man dat eber I saw Was de one dat beg de most, His soul was filled wid Jesus, And wid de Holy Ghost. Yes it was!

Сно. — My Lord delibered Daniel.



Oh, de good ole chariot passing by, One more riber to cross,

She jarred de earth an' shook de sky, One more, &c.,

One more, &c.,
I pray, good Lord, shall I be one?
One more, &c.,

To get up in de chariot, trabbel on, One more, &c.

Cно. —Oh, wasn't dat a wide riber? &c. 3.

We're told dat de fore-wheel run by love, O e more, &c.,

We're told dat de hind wheel run by faith, One more, &c., I hope I shall get dere bimeby, One more, &c.,

To jine de number in de sky,

One more, &c. Cho. — Oh, wasn't dat a wide riber? &c.

Oh, one more riber we hab to cross,

One more, &c.,
'Tis Jordan's riber we hab to cross,
One more, &c..

Oh, Jordan's riber am chilly an' cold, One more, &c.,

But I got de glory in-a my soul, One more. &c.

Сно. — Oh, wasn't dat a wide riber? &с.







3 Want to go to hebben when I die—Settin' on, &c. Shout salvation as I fly—Settin' on, &c. It's a little while longer here below—Settin' on, &c. Den-a home to glory we shall go—Settin' on, &c. Сно.—John saw, &c.

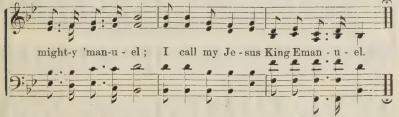
Jesus say He gone before—Settin' on, &c.

Сно.—John saw, &c.

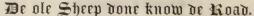
King Emanuel.





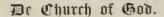


- 2 Oh, some call Him Jesus; but I call Him Lord, I call my Jesus King Emanuel; Let's talk about de hebben, an' de hebben's fine t'ings, I call my Jesus King Emanuel. CHO.—Oh de King Emanuel, &c.
- 3 Oh steady, steady, a little while; I call my Jesus King Emanuel; I will tell you what my Lord done for me; I call my Jesus King Emanuel. Сно.—Oh de King Emanuel, &c.
- 4 He pluck-a my feet out de miry clay; I call my Jesus King Emanuel; He sot dem a-on de firm Rock o' Age; I call my Jesus King Emanuel. Сно.—Oh de King Emanuel, &c.





- 2 Oh, shout my sister, for you are free, De young lambs, &c., For Christ hab bought your liberty, De young lambs, &c., I raly do believe widout one doubt, De young lambs, &c., Dat de Christian hab a mighty right to shout, De young lambs, &c. Сно.—Oh, de ole sheep, &c.
- 3 My brudder, better mind how you walk on de cross, De young lambs, &c., For your foot might slip, an' yer soul git lost, De young lambs, &c., Better mind dat sun, and see how she run, De young lambs, &c., An' mind don't let her catch ye wid yer works undone, De young lambs, &c. Cho.—Oh, de ole sheep, &c.





Bright Sparkles in de Churchyard.

This peculiar but beautiful medley was a great favorite among the hands in the tobacco factories in Danville, Va.



Bright Sparkles in de Churchyard.—Continued.





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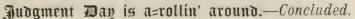
Bright Sparkles in de Churchyard.—Continued.



Bright Sparkles in de Churchyard.—Concluded.









2.

Dar's a long white robe in de heaven for me,

Oh, how I long to go dere too;

Dar's a starry crown in de heaven for
me,

Oh, how I long to go.

My name is written in de book ob life.

Oh, how I long to go dere too, Ef you look in de book you'll fin'em

Oh, how I long to go.

dar.

3.

Brudder Moses gone to de kingdom, Lord,

Oh, how I long to go dere too; Sister Mary gone to de kingdom, Lord,

Oh, how I long to go.

Dar's no more slave in de kingdom, Lord,

Oh, how I long to go dere too, All is glory in de kingdom, Lord, Oh, how I long to go. 4.

My brudder build a house in Paradise,

Oh, how I long to go dere too; He built it by dat ribber of life,

Oh, how I long to go.

Dar's a big camp meetin' in de kingdom, Lord,

Oh, how I long to go dere too,

Come, let us jine dat a heavenly crew,

Oh, how I long to go.

5.

King Jesus sittin' in de kingdom, Lord,

Oh, how I long to go dere too;

De angels singin' all round de trone, Oh, how I long to go.

De trumpet sound de Jubilo,

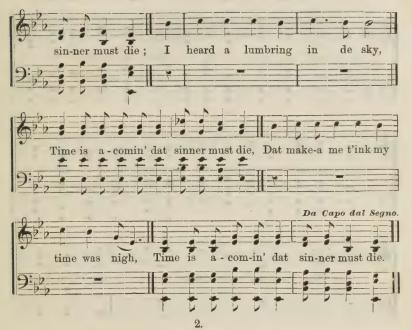
Oh, how I long to go dere too,

I hope dat trump will blow me home,

Oh, how I long to go.



Oh, Sinner, pou'o better get ready.-Concluded.



I heard of my Jesus a many one say—
Time is a-comin' dat sinner must die,
Could 'move poor sinner's sins away—
Time is a-comin' dat sinner must die.
Yes, I'd rather a pray myself away—
Time is a-comin' dat sinner must die,
Dan to lie in hell an' burn a-one day—
Time is a-comin' dat sinner must die.
Cho.—Oh, sinner, you'd better get ready, &c.

3.

I think I heard a my mother say—
Time is a-comin' dat sinner must die,
'Twas a pretty thing a to serve de Lord—
Time is a-comin' dat sinner must die.
Oh, when I get to Heaven I'll be able for to tell—
Time is a-comin' dat sinner must die,
Oh, how I shun dat dismal hell—
Time is a-comin' dat sinner must die.
Oho.—Oh, sinner, you'd better get ready, &c.

Mear de Lambs a Cryin'.



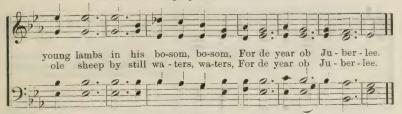
Mear de Lambs a Cryin'.—Concluded.



- 2 I don' know what you want to stay here for, Oh, shepherd, &c., For dis vain world's no friend to grace, Oh, shepherd, &c., If I only had wings like Noah's dove, Oh, shepherd, &c., I'd fly away to de heavens above, Oh, shepherd, &c. Cho.—You hear de lambs crying, &c.
- 3 When I am in an agony, Oh, shepherd, &c., When you see me, pity me, Oh, shepherd, &c., For I am a pilgrim travellin' on, Oh, shepherd, &c., De lonesome road where Jesus gone, Oh, shepherd, &c. Сно.—You hear de lambs a-crying, &c.
- 4 Oh, see my Jesus hanging high, Oh, shepherd. &c., He looked so pale an' bled so free, Oh, shepherd, &c., Oh, don't you think it was a shame, Oh, shepherd, &c., He hung three hours in dreadful pain, Oh, shepherd, &г. Сно.—You hear de lambs a-crying, &c.



Rise and Shine.—Concluded.



2 Oh, come on, mourners, get you ready, ready, Come on, mourners, get you ready, ready, (bis),

For de year ob jubilee;

You may keep your lamps trimmed an' burning, burning,

Key your lamps trimmed an' burning, burning, (bis)

Keep your lamps trimmed an' burning, burning, (bis), For de year ob jubilee.

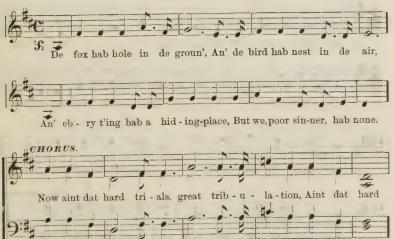
Сно.—Oh, rise an' shine, &c.

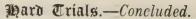
3 Oh, come on, children, don't be weary, weary, Come on, children, don't be weary, weary, (bis), For de year ob jubilee; Oh, don't you hear dem bells a-ringin', ringin',

Oh, don't you hear dem bells a-ringin', ringin', Don't you hear dem bells a-ringin', ringin', (bis), For de year ob jubilee.

Сно.—Oh, rise an' shine, &c.

Mard Trials.







Most Done Trabelling.





Gwine up.—Concluded.



2.

I'm a gwine to keep a climbin' high—
See de hebbenly land;
Till I meet dem-er angels in-a de sky—
See de hebbenly lan'.
Dem pooty angels I shall see—
See de hebbenly lan';
Why don't de debbil let-a me be—
See de hebbenly lan'.
Cho.—Oh yes, I'm gwine up, &c.

3.

I tell you what I like-a de best—
See de hebbenly lan';
It is dem-a shoutin' Methodess—
See de hebbenly lan';
We shout so loud de debbil look—
See de hebbenly lan';
An' he gets away wid his cluvven foot—
See de hebbenly lan'.
Cho.—Oh, yes, I'm gwine up, &c.

I hope my Mother will be there.

This was sung by the hands in Mayo's Tobacco Factory, Richmond, and is really called "The Mayo Boys' Song."



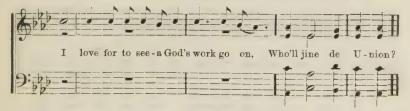


- 2 Death say, "I come on a-dat hebbenly 'cree; De hebben is, &c. My warrant's for to summage thee; De hebben is, &c. An' whedder thou prepared or no; De hebben is, &c. Dis very day He say you must go;" De hebben is, &c.—Cho.
- 3 Oh, ghastly Death, wouldst thou prevail: De hebben is, &c. Oh, spare me yet anoder day; De hebben is, &c. I'm but a flower in my bloom; De hebben is, &c. Why wilt thou cut-a me down so soon? De hebben is, &c.—Cho.
- 4 Oh, if I had-a my time agin; De hebben is, &c. I would hate dat road-a dat leads to sin; De hebben is, &c. An' to my God a-wid earnest pray; De hebben is, &c. An' wrastle until de break o' day; De hebben is. &c.—Cho.

Unho'll jine de Union.



Unho'll jine de Union.—Concluded.



2.

Ef ye want to ketch-a dat hebbenly breeze,
Who'll jine de Union?
Go down in de valley upon yer knees,
Who'll jine de Union?
Go bend yer knees right smoove wid de groun',
Who'll jine de Union?
An' pray to de Lord to turn you roun',
Who'll jine de Union?
Cho.—Oh, Hallelujah, &c.

4.

Say, ef you belong to de Union ban',
Who'll jine de Union?
Den here's my heart, an' here's my han'
Who'll jine de Union?
I love yer all, both bond an' free,
Who'll jine de Union?
I love you ef-a you don't love me,
Who'll jine de Union?
Cho.—Oh, Hallelujah, &c.

3.

Now ef you want to know ob me,
Who'll jine de Union?
Jess who I am, an' a-who I be,
Who'll jine de Union?
I'm a chile ob God, wid my soul sot free,
Who'll jine de Union?
For Christ hab bought my liberty,
Who'll jine de Union?
CHO.—Oh, Hallelujah, &c.

A great Camp=meetin' in de Promised Land.

"This hymn was made by a company of Slaves, who were not allowed to sing or pray anywhere the old master could hear them; and when he died their old mistress looked on them with pity, and granted them the privilege of singing and praying in the cabins at night. Then they sang this hymn, and shouted for joy, and gave God the honor and praise."

J. B. Towe.





Oh get you ready, children, Dont you get

Get you ready, childron, Dont you, &c. (bis. Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de Promised Land.

For Jesus is a comin', Dont you get, &c, Jesus is a comin', Dont you get, &c., (bis. Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de Promised Land.

Gwine to hab a happy meetin', Dont you get weary,

Hab a happy meetin', Dont you get, &c. (bis. Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de Promised Land.

Сно. — Gwine to pray an' nebber tire, Pray an' nebber tire, (bis.) Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de Promised Land.

Gwine to hab it in hebben, Dont you, &c. Gwine to hab it in hebben, Dont, &c. (bis. Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de, &c., Gwine to shout in hebben, Dont you get weary.

Shout in hebben, Dont you get, &c., (bis. Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de, &c., Oh will you go wid me, Dont you get, &c., Will you go wid me, Dont you get, &c., (bis. Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de, &c., Сно.—Gwine to shout an' nebber tire,

Shout an' nebber tire, (bis.) Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de Promised Land,

Dere's a better day comin', Dont you get weary,

Better day a comin', Dont you get, &c., (bis. Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de Promised Land,

Oh slap your hands childron, Dont, &c. Slap your hands children, Dont, &c., (bis. Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de Promised Land.

Oh pat your foot childron, Dont you get weary.

Pat your foot children, Dont, &c., (bis.) Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de Prom-ised Land.

Сно. —Gwine to live wid God forever. Live wid God forever, (bis.) Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de Promised Land.

Oh, feel de Spirit a movin', Dont you, &c. Feel de Spirit a movin', Dont, &c., (bis.) Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de, &c. Oh now I'm get in' happy, Dont you get

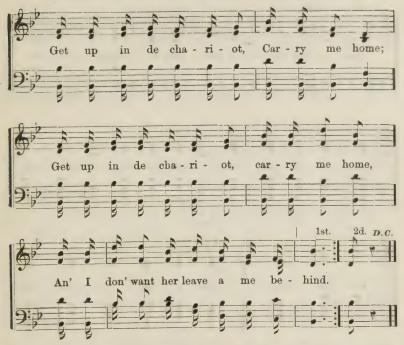
Now I'm gettin' happy, Dont, &c., (bis.) Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de, &c. I feel so happy, Dont you get weary, Feel so happy, Dont you get weary, (bis.) Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de, &c. Сно.—Oh, fly an' nebber tire,

> Fly an' nebber tire, (bis.) Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de Promised Land.

Good news, de Chariot's comin'.



Good news, de Chariot's comin'.—Concluded.



2 Dar's a long white robe in de hebben I know,
A long white robe in de hebben, I know,
A long white robe in de hebben, I know,
An' I don' want her leave-a me behind.
Dar's a golden crown in de hebben, I know,
A golden crown in de hebben, I know,
A golden crown in de hebben, I know,
An' I don' want her leave-a me behind.
Cho.—Good news, de chariot's comin', &c.

3 Dar's a golden harp in de hebben, I know,
A golden harp in de hebben, I know,
A golden harp in de hebben, I know,
An' I don' want her leave-a me behind.
Dar's silver slippers in de hebben, I know,
Silver slippers in de hebben, I know,
Silver slippers in de hebben, I know,
An' I don' want her leave-a me behind.
Cho.—Good news, de chariot's comin', &c.

Don't ye biew dat ship a come a sailin'.

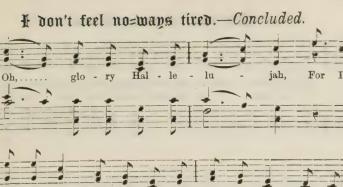


Dont ye view dat ship.—Concluded.



- 2 Dat ship is heavy loaded, Hallelujah, &c.
- 3 She neither reels nor totters, Hallelujah.
- 4 She is loaded wid-a bright angels, Hallelujah.
- 5 Oh, how do you know dey are angels? Hallelujah.
- 6 I know dem by a de'r mournin', Hallelujah.
- 7 Oh, yonder comes my Jesus, Hallelujah.
- 8 Oh, how do you know it is Jesus? Hallelujah.
- 9 I know him by-a his shinin', Hallelujah.

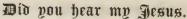






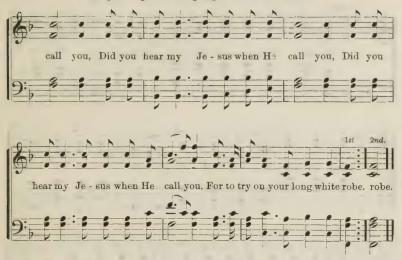


- 2 We will trabbel on together, Hallelujah, (bis)
 Gwine to war agin de debbel, Hallelujah, "
 Gwine to pull down Satan's kıngdom, Hallelujah, "
 Gwine to build up de walls o' Zion, Hallelujah. "
 CHO.—Lord, I don't feel no-ways tired, &c.
- 3 Dere is a better day a comin', Hallelujah, (bis)
 When I leave dis world o' sorrer, Hallelujah,
 For to jine de holy number, Hallelujah,
 Den we'll talk de trouble ober, Hallelujah.
 Cho.—Lord, I don't feel no-ways tired, &c.
- 4 Gwine to walk about in Zion, Hallelujah, (bis)
 Gwine to talk a wid de angels, Hallelujah, "
 Gwine to tell God bout my crosses, Hallelujah, "
 Gwine to reign wid Him foreber, Hallelujah. "
 Сно.—Lord, I don't feel no-ways tired, &c.





Did you hear my Jesus.—Concluded.



2 Oh, de hebben gates are open, come along, come along, Oh, de hebben gates are open, come along, come along, (bis.,

Hear my Jesus when He call you; Oh, my mother's in de kingdom, come along, come along,

Oh, my mother's in de kingdom, come along, come along, (bis., Hear my Jesus when He call you,

I am gwine to meet her yander, come along, come along,

I am gwine to meet her yander, come along, come along, (bis., Hear my Jesus when He call you.

Сно.—Did you hear my Jesus when he call you, Did you hear my Jesus when he call you, (bis,, For to try on your long white robe.

3 Ef you want to wear de slippers, come along, come along, Ef you want to wear de slippers, come along, come along, (bis., Hear my Jesus when He call you;

Ef you want to lib forever, come along, come along,

Ef you want to lib forever, come along, come along, (bis., Hear my Jesus when He call you;

Did you hear my Jesus calling, "come along, come along," Did you hear my Jesus calling, "come along, come along." (bis.,

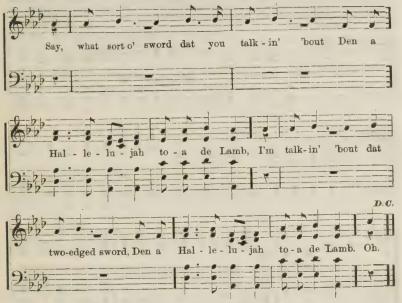
Cho.—Did you hear my Jesus when He call you,
Did you hear my Jesus when He call you, (bis.,
For to try on your long white robe.

Hear my Jesus when He call you.





Zion, weep a=low.—Concluded.



2 Oh, look up yonder, Lord, a-what I see, Den a Hallelujah, &c.,

Dere's a long tall angel a comin' a'ter me,

Den a Hallelujah, &c.,

Wid a palms o' vicatry in-a my hand, Den a Hallelujah, &c.,

Wid a golden crown a-placed on-a my head, Сно. — Oh, Zion, weep a-low. Den a Hallelujah, &c.

3 Zion been a-weepin' all o' de day,

Den a Hallelujah, &c., Say, come, poor sinners, come-a an' pray, Den a Hallelujah, &c.,

Oh, Satan, like a dat huntin' dog,

Den a Hallelujah, &c.,

He hunt dem a Christian's home to God, Den a Hallelujah, &c. Сно.—Oh, Zion, weep a-low.

4 Oh, Hebben so high, an' I so low,

Den a Hallelujah, &c.,

I don' know shall I ebber get to Hebben or no,

Den a Hallelujah, &c.,

Gwine to tell my brudder befo' I go,

Den a Hallelujah, &c.,

What a dolesome road-a I had to go,

Den a Hallelujah, &c. Cho. - Oh, Zion, weep a-low.

Sweet Canaan.

My mother used to tell me how the colored People all expected to be free some day, and how one night, a great many of them met together in a Cabin, and tied little budgets on their backs, as though they expected to go off some where, and cried, and shook hands, and sang this hymn.



Note.—There is so little variety to the verses of "Sweet Canaan" that we have not thought it worth while to give them at greater length. They readily suggest themselves, and seem to be limited only by the number of the singer's relations and friends.

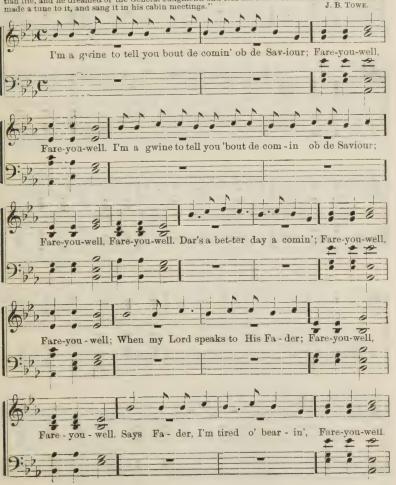
In dat great gittin=up Mornin'.

THIS song is a remarkable paraphrase of a portion of the Book of Revelations, and one of the finest specimens of negro "Spirituals." The student who brought it to us, and who sings the Solos, has furnished all that he can remember of the almost interminable succession of verses, which he has heard sung for half an hour at a time, by the slaves in their midnight meetings in the woods. He gives the following interesting account of its origin:

has heard sung for hair an nodr at a time, by the staves in their industry interesting account of its origin:

"I have heard my uncle sing this hymn, and he told me how it was made. It was made by an old slave who knew nothing about letters or figures. He could not count the number of rails that he would split when he was tasked by his master to split 150 a day. But he tried to lead a Christian life, and he dreamed of the General Judgment, and told his fellow-servants about it, and then the interest energy it in his cabin meetings."

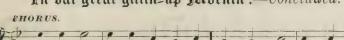
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In dat great gittin=up Mornin'.—Continued.



In dat great gittin=up Mornin'.—Concluded.







- 2. Dere's a better day a comin',
- 3. When my Lord speaks to his Fader,
- Says, Fader, I'm tired o' bearin',
 Tired o' bearin' for poor sinners,
- 6. Oh preachers, fold your Bibles,
- 7. Prayer-makers, pray no more,8. For de last soul's converted. (bis) Cho.
- 9. De Lord spoke to Gabriel.
- 10. Say, go look behind de altar,
- Take down de silver trumpet,
- 12. Go down to de sea-side,
- 13. Place one foot on de dry land,
- 14. Place de oder on de sea,
- 15. Raise your hand to heaven,
- 16. Declare by your Maker,
- 17. Dat time shall be no longer. (bis) Cho.
- Blow your trumpet, Gabriel.
 Lord, how loud shall I blow it?
- 20. Blow it right calm and easy,
- 21. Do not alarm my people,
- 22. Tell dem to come to judgment. (bis) Cho.
- 23. Den you see de coffins bustin'.
- 24. Den you see de Christian risin',25. Den you see de righteous marchin',
- 26. Dey are marchin' home to heaven.
- 27. Den look upon Mount Zion,

- 28. You see my Jesus comin' 29. Wid all his holy angels.
- 30. Where you rannin', sinner?

- 31. Judgment day is comin'. (bis) Cho.
- 32. Gabriel, blow your trumpet,
- 33. Lord, how loud shall I blow it?
- 34. Loud as seven peals of thunder,
- 35. Wake de sleepin' nations.
- 36. Den you see poor sinners risin'.
- 37. See de dry bones a creepin', Cho.
- 38. Den you see de world on fire,
- 39. You see de moon a bleedin',
- 40. See de stars a fallin'
- 41. See de elements meltin',
- 42. See de forked lightnin'.
- 43. Hear de rumblin' thunder.
- 44. Earth shall reel and totter,
- 45. Hell shall be uncapped,
- 46. De dragon shall be loosened.
- 47. Fare-you-well, poor sinner. Cho.
- 48. Den you look up in de heaven,
- 49. See your mother in heaven,
- 50. While you're doomed to destruction.
- 51. When de partin' word is given,
- 52. De Christian shouts to your ruin.
- 53. No mercy'll ever reach you, Cho.
- 54. Den you'll cry out for cold water,
- 55. While de Christian's shoutin' in glory,
- 56. Sayin' amen to your damnation,
- 57. Den you hear de sinner sayin',
- 58. Down I'm rollin', down I'm rollin',
- 59. Den de righteous housed in heaven,
- 60. Live wid God forever. (bis.) Cho.

Walk you in de Light.



Walk you in de Light.—Concluded.



2 I think I heard some children say,
Walkin' in de light o' God,
Dat dey neber heard de'r parents pray,
Walkin' in de light o' God.
Oh, parents, dat is not de way,
Walkin' in de light o' God,
But teach your children to watch an' pray,
Walkin' in de light o' God.

Спо.—Oh, parents, walk you in de light, Walk you in de light, walk you in de light, Walkin' in de light o' God.

3 I love to shout, I love to sing,
Walkin' in de light o' God,
I love to praise my Heavenly King,
Walkin' in de light o' God.
Oh, sisters, can't you help me sing,
Walkin' in de light o' God,
For Moses' sister did help him,
Walkin' in de light o' God.

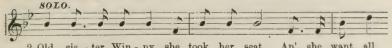
CHO.—Oh, sisters, walk you in de light, &c.

4 Oh, de heavenly lan' so bright an' fair,
Walkin' in de light o' God,
A very few dat enter dere,
Walkin' in de light o' God.
For good Elijah did declare,
Walkin' in de light o' God,
Dat nothin' but de righteous shall go dere,
Walkin' in de light o' God.

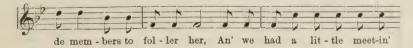
CHO. -Oh, Christians, walk you in de light, &c.

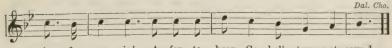


Sweet Turtle Bobe.-Concluded.



2 Old sis - ter Win - ny, she took her seat, An' she want all





in de morn - in', A - for to hear Ga - bel's trum-pet sound.

- 2 Ole sister Hannah, she took her seat, An' she want all de member to foller her; An' we had a little meetin' in de mornin', A-for to hear Gabel's trumpet sound. CHO.—Jerusalem mornin', &c.
- 3 Sweet turtle dove, she sing-a so sweet,
 Muddy de water, so deep,
 An' we had a little meetin' in de mornin',
 A-for to hear Gabel's trumpet sound.
 Cho.—Jerusalem mornin', &c.
- (Solo.) 5 Ole brudder Philip, he took his seat,
 An' he want all de member to foller him,
 An' we had a little meetin' in de mornin,'
 A-for to hear Gabel's trumpet sound.
 Сно.—Jerusalem mornin', &c.
- (Solo.) 6 Ole sister Hagar, she took her seat,
 An' she want all de member to foller her,
 An' we had a little meetin' in de mornin',
 A-for to hear Gabel's trumpet sound,
 Cho.—Jerusalem mornin', &c.
- (Solo.) 7 Ole brudder Moses took his seat,
 An' he want all de member to foller him,
 An' we had a little meetin' in de mornin',
 A-for to hear Gabel's trumpet sound.
 Cho.—Jerusalem mornin', &c.
 - 8 Sweet turtle dove, she sing-a so sweet,
 Muddy de water. so deep,
 An' we had a little meetin' in de mornin'.
 A-for to hear Gabel's trumpet sound.
 Cho.—Jerusalem mornin', &c.

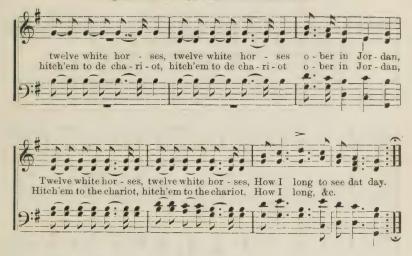
Gideon's Band; or, De milk=white Horses.

The explanation which has been given us of the origin of this curious hymn is, we think, invaluable as an example of the manner in which external facts grew to have a strange symbolical meaning in the imaginative mind of the negro race.

In a little town in one of the Southern States, a Scriptural panorama was exhibited, in which Gideon's Band held a prominent place, the leader being conspicuously mounted upon a white horse. The black people of the neighborhood crowded to see it, and suddenly, and to themselves inexplicably, this swinging "Milk-White Horses" sprang up among them, establishing itself soon as a standard church and chimney-corner hymn.



Gideon's Band .- Concluded.



2 Duo.—I hail to my brudder, my brudder he bow low, Say, den't you want to go to hebben?— How I long to see dat day! Cmo.—Oh, ride up in de chariot, ride up in de chariot

Cho.—Oh, ride up in de chariot, ride up in de chariot,
Ride up in de chariot ober in Jordan;
Ride up in de chariot, ride up in de chariot—
How I long to see dat day!
It's a golden chariot, a golden chariot,
Golden chariot ober in Jordan;
Golden chariot, a golden chariot—
How I long to see dat day!

3 Duo.—I hail to de mourner, de mourner he bow low,
Say, don't you want to go to hebben?—
How I long to see dat day!
Cho.—Oh, de milk an' honey, milk an' honey,
Milk an' honey ober in Jordan;
Milk an' honey, milk an' honey—
How I long to see dat day!
Oh, de healin' water, de healin' water,
Healin' water ober in Jordan;
Healin' water, de healin' water—
How I long to see dat day!

De Winter'll soon be Gber.



² I turn my eyes towards de sky, An' ask de Lord for wings to fly; If you get dere before I do,

³ Oh Jordan's ribber is deep an' wide, But Jesus stan' on de hebbenly side; An' when we get on Canaan's shore, Look out for me I'm comin' too. Cho. We'll shout, an' sing forebber more. Cho.

Reep Me from sinkin' Down.





k'be been a=list'ning all de Night long.



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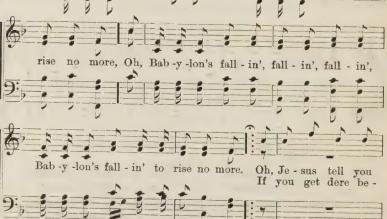
Go, read the fifth of Matthew,
An' a read de chapter thro',
It is de guide to Christians,
An' a tells dem what to do.
Cho.—I've been a list'ning, &c.

3.

Dere was a search in heaven,
An' a all de earth around,
John stood in sorrow hoping
Dat a Saviour might be found.
Cho.—I've been a list'ning, &c.

Babylon's Fallin'.

This is often used in Hampton as a Marching song, and is quite effective when the two hundred students are filling out of the assembly room to its spirited movement. We recommend it for similar use to Schools and Kindergartens. Pure fall - in', Bab - y-lon's fall - in'. more. CHORUS.





De ole Ark a-moberin' Along.—Concluded.





2 Den Noah an' his sons went to work upon de dry lan',

De ole ark a-moverin', &c.,

Dey built dat ark jes' accordin' to de comman'.

De ole ark a-moverin', &c.,

Noah an' his sons went to work upon de timber,

De ole ark a-moverin', &c.,

De proud began to laugh, an' de silly point de'r finger, De ole ark a-moverin', &c.

Сно.—De ole ark a-moverin', &c.

3 When de ark was finished jes' accordin' to de plan, De ole ark a-moverin', &c.,

Massa Noah took in his family, both animal an' man,

De ole ark a-moverin, &c., When de rain began to fall an' de ark began to rise, De ole ark a-moverin', &c.,

De wicked hung around' wid der groans an' de'r cries, De ole ark a-moverin, '&c.

Сно.—Oh de ole ark a-moverin, &c.

4 Forty days an' forty nights, de rain it kep' a fallin', De ole ark a-moverin', &c.

De wicked clumb de trees, an' for help dey kep' a callin', De ole ark a-moverin', &c.,

Dat awful rain, she stopped at last, de waters dev subsided. De ole ark a-moverin', &c.,

An' dat ole ark wid all on board on Ararat she rided, De ole ark a-moverin', &c.,

Сно.—Oh, de ole ark a-moverin, &c.



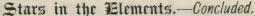














- 2 Don't you hear those sinners a-screaming, While the moon drips away, etc.
- 3 Don't you hear those sinners a-crying, While the moon drips away, etc.

Ole Ship of Zion.



- 2 O what ship is this
 That will take us all home?
 O glory Hallelujah!—Cho.
- 3 She has landed many thousand, And she'll land as many a more. O glory Hallelujah!—Cho.
- 4 Do you think she will be able
 For to take us all home?
 O glory Hallelujah!—Cho.
- 5 O yes, she will be able For to take us all home. O glory Hallelujah!—Cho.



O watch and pray!

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Glory and Monor.

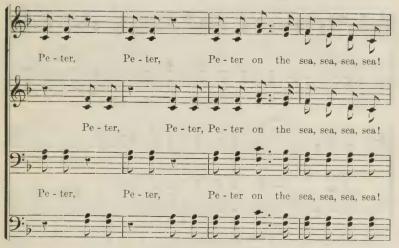


Peter on the Sea.

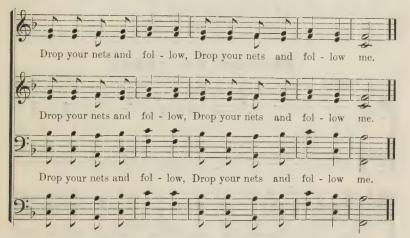


- 2 ∥::Gabriel, Gabriel, Gabriel blow your trump, trump, trump!::∥
 Gabriel blow your trumpet, Gabriel blow your trumpet loud!
- 3 |:: Daniel, Daniel in the lions', lions', :: || Daniel in the lions', Daniel in the lions' den.

Peter on the Sea.—Concluded.



Pe-ter, Pe-ter on the sea, sea, sea, sea!



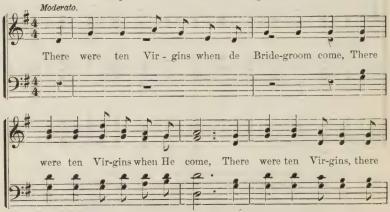
- 4 |:: Who did, who did, who did swallow Jonah, Jonah?:: || Who did swallow Jonah, who did swallow Jonah whole?
- 5 ||:: Whale did, whale did, whale did swallow Jonah, Jonah,:: || Whale did swallow Jonah, whale did swallow Jonah whole!

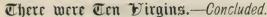
Rough and Rolling Sea.



- 2 The lightnings flashed, And the thunders rolled, Like a rough and rolling sea.
- 3 The storms beat high, And the winds blew fierce, Like a rough and rolling sea.

There were Ten Virgins.



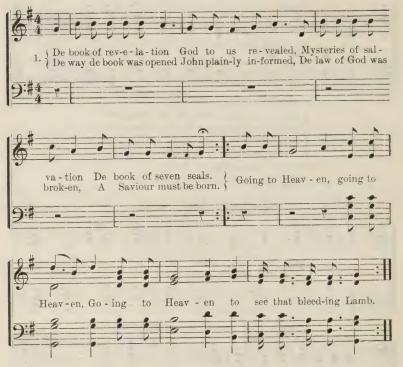




- 1 And five of them were wise, When, etc.
- 2 And five of them were foolish, When, etc.
- 3 And de foolish said to de wise, When, etc.
- 4 O give us of your oil, When, etc.
- 5 And de wise said to de foolish, When, etc.
- 6 O go to them that sell, When, etc.
- 7 And buy for yourselves, When, etc.



Going to Meaven.

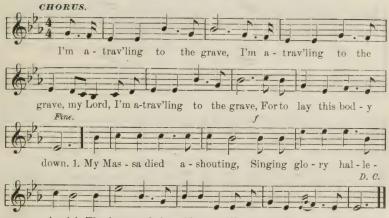


- 2 John saw de Heavens open, De Conqueror riding down, He looked and saw white horses; And rider following on. If you want to know de Conqueror, He is de word of God, His eyes are like a burnin' throne, He is de word of God.—Cho.
- 3 Hossanna to de Prince of Life,
 Who clothed Himself in clay,
 And entered de Iron Gate of death,
 And bore de ties away.
 See how de conqueror mounts aloft,
 And to His Father flies!
 With scars of honor on His flesh,
 And trials in His eyes.—Cho.

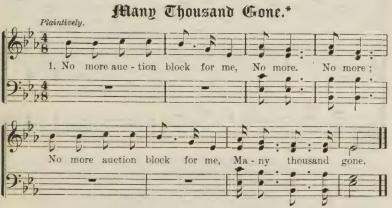




I'm a=trav'ling to the Grave.*



- lu-jah, The last words he said to me, Was a-bout Je ru sa lem.
 - 2 My missis died a-shouting, etc.
 - 3 My brother died a-shouting, etc.
 - 4 My sister died a-shouting, etc.



- 2 No more peck o' corn for me, etc.
- 3 No more driver's lash for me, etc.
- 4 No more pint o' salt for me, etc.
- 5 No more hundred lash for me, etc.
- 6 No more mistress' call for me, etc.
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Me's the Lord of Lords.*



2 For Paul and Silas bound in jail, No one can work like Him; The Christians prayed both night and day, No one can work like Him; Cho.—Why, He's the Lord of lords, etc.

3 I wish those mourners would believe, No one can work like Him, That Jesus is ready to receive, No one can work like Him. Cho.—Why, He's the Lord of lords, etc.

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My Lord's Riding all the Time.*



- 2 Come down, come down, my Lord, come down, My Lord's a-riding all the time; And take me up to wear the crown, My Lord's a-riding all the time.
- 3 O sinner, you had better pray, My Lord's a riding all the time; It looks like judgment ebery day, My Lord's a-riding all the time.

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Me Is King of Kings.



Little Wheel a=turnin' in my Heart.*



- 2 ||: O I feel so very happy in my heart, : ||
 In my heart, in my heart,
 O I feel so very happy in my heart.
- 3 |: O I don't feel no ways tired in my heart, : In my heart, in my heart,
 O I don't feel no ways tired in my heart.
- 4 | O I feel like shouting in my heart, : In my heart, in my heart,
 O I feel like shouting in my heart.
- 5 : Iv'e a double 'termination in my heart, : In my heart, in my heart, Iv'e a double 'termination in my heart.

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And de Love come a-trickaling down. Seek, and ye shall find, etc.

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Walking in de Light.*



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Walking in de Light.—Concluded.



- 2 De tallest tree in Paradise, until de war is ended, De Christian call de Tree of Life, until de war is ended.—Ref.
- 3 Green trees burning, why not de dry? until de war is ended, My Saviour died, why not I? until de war is ended.—Ref.

F'll be there in the Morning.*



2 When the gen'ral roll is called, Yes, I'll be there;

Gwine to sing around the throne, Yes, I'll be there.

Gwine to pray around the throne, Yes, I'll be there;

Gwine to wear a white robe, Yes, I'll be there. 3 When the gen'ral roll is called, Yes, I'll be there;

Gwine to see my Massa Jesus, Yes, I'll be there.

Gwine to wear a starry crown, Yes, I'll be there;

Gwine to live for evermore, Yes, I'll be there.

* End at this note the last verse.

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See Fo' an' Twenty Elders.



Roll de Gle Chariot Along.

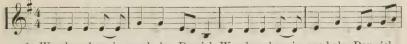


Roll de Gle Chariot Along.—Concluded.

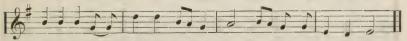


- 2 |:Gwine t'jine wid de hundred An' forty-fo' thousand, Ef ye don't hang on behin'.
- 3 ||:Ef my farder will go He shall wear a starry crown,:|| Ef ye don't hang on behin'.
- 4 |: Ef my mudder will go
 She shall wear a starry crown, :||
 Ef ye don't hang on behin'.
- 5 ||: Ef de elder will go He shall wear a starry crown,: || Ef ye don't hang on behin'.
- 6 ||: Ef de preacher's in de way, Jus' roll it over, : || Ef ye don't hang on behin',
- 7 |: Ef de deacon will go
 He shall wear a starry crown, : |
 Ef ye don't hang on behin'.

Monder Where is Good Ole Daniel?



- 1. Wonder where is good ole Dan-iel, Wonder where is good ole Dan-iel,
- 2. He was cas' in de den ob li ons, He was cas' in de den ob li ons,



Wonder where is good ole Dan-iel, Way over in de Prom-ise' Lan'. He was cas' in de den ob li - ons, Way over in de Prom-ise' Lan'.

- 3 ∥: By an' by we'll go an' meet him,: ∥
 Way over in de Promise' Lan'.
- 6 ||:By an by we'll go an' meet dem,:||
 Way over in de Promise' Lan'.
- 4 ||: Wonder where's dem Hebrew children: || 7 ||: Wonder where is doubtin' Thomas, : || Way over in de Promise' Lan'. || Way over in de Promise' Lan'.
- 5 | Dey come thro' de fiery furnace, | Way over in de Promise' Lan'.
- 8 ||: Wonder where is sinkin' Peter, :|| Way over in de Promise' Lan'.

In the Kingdom.



In the Kingdom.—Concluded.



A Wheel in a Wheel.



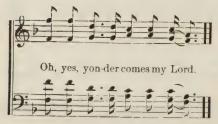
3 It runs by faith,
Oh, my Lord,
It runs by faith,
Oh, my Lord,
Gwine to take a ride,
On de chariot wheel,

4 Chariot's a comin',
Oh, my Lord,
Chariot's a comin',
Oh, my Lord,
Gwine to take a ride,
On de chariot wheel,



Oh Pes, Londer Comes My Lord.





- 2 He is comin' this a way.
- 3 With His sword in his han'.
- 4 He's gwine t'hew dem sinners down.
- 5 Right level to de groun'.

Go Mary, an' Toll de Bell.



Dh, Freedom!



- 3 No mo' weepin' over me, An' befo' I'd be a slave, I'll be buried in my grave, An' go home to my Lord an' be free.
- 4 There'll be singin' over me,
 An' befo' I'd be a slave,
 I'll be buried in my grave,
 An' go home to my Lord an' be free.
- 5 There'll be shoutin' over me,
 An' befo' I'd be a slave,
 I'll be buried in my grave,
 An' go home to my Lord an' be free,
- 6 There'll be prayin' over me,
 An' befo' I'd be a slave,
 I'll be buried in my grave,
 An' go home to my Lord an' be free.

Sometimes & Feel Like a Motherless Child.



Me Raise a Poor Lazarus.



Me Raise a Poor Lazarus.—Concluded.



- 2 He give heal unto de sick—yes, He did, He give sight unto de blin'—I know He did, He done able de cripple to walk, Oh. He raise de dead from under de groun
 - Oh, He raise de dead from under de groun' An' give dem permission to talk.
- 3 Oh, moan along, —moan along, Oh, ye moanin' souls!—ye moanin' souls Heaven is my home— Jesus been here one time, Lord, He's comin' agin.

Git ready and let us go home.

Mon't Leave Me, Lord.



- 2 No use talkin' what you gwine t' do, Don't 'tend t' 'ny my God for you.—Cho.
- 3 I don't wan' t' stumble an' I don't wan' t' stop, I don't wan' t' be no stumblin' block.—Cho.

Jacob's Ladder.



- 2 Every round goes higher and higher, Soldier of the cross.
- 3 Sinner, do you love my Jesus? Soldier of the cross.
- 4 If you love Him, why not serve Him? Soldier of the cross.
- 5 Do you think I'd make a soldier? Soldier of the cross.
- 6 We are climbing higher and higher, Soldier of the cross.

The Downward Road Is Crowded.



- 2 Ole Satan's mighty busy, He follers me night an day, An every where I 'pinted, Dere's somethin' in my way.
- 3 When I was a sinner,
 I loved my distance well,
 But when I come to fin' myself,
 I was hangin' over Hell.







- 3 Gwine down Jordan t' pay my fare, Weep a low, Judgment's comin', Have a little meetin' when I gits dere, Weep a low, Judgment's comin'
- 4 Gwine up t' Hebben, don't wan' t' stop,
 Weep a low, Judgment's comin',
 Don't wan' t' be no stumblin' block,
 Weep a low, Judgment's comin'.



In Bright Mansions Abobe.



4 My brother's gone to glory,
I wan' t' go there too, Lord,
I wan' t' live up yonder,
In bright mansions above.

5 My Saviour's gone to glory, I wan' t' go there too, Lord, I wan' t' live up yonder, In bright mansions above.

Zwing Low, Chariot.





Pilgrim's Song.—Concluded.



Bon't Be Weary, Trabeller.

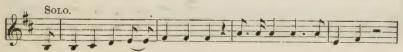
CHORUS Voices in Unison.



Don't be wea-ry, trav - el-ler, Come a-long home to Je-sus,



Don't be wea-ry trav-el-ler, Come a-long home to Je-sus.



- 1. My head got wet with the midnight dew, Come along home to Je sus,
- 2. Where to go I did not know, Come along home to Je sus,
- 3. I look at de worl' an' de worl' look new, Come along home to Je sus,



An-gels bear me wit-ness too, Come a-long home to Je - sus.

Ev - er since He freed my soul, Come a-long home to Je - sus.

I look at my hands an' they look so too, Come a-long home to Je - sus.

F Am Goin' to Join in This Army.





Sun Don't Set in de Mornin'.

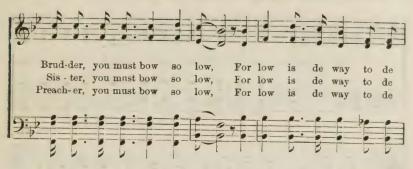




Let de Meaben Light Shine on Me.



Let de Meaben Light Shine on Me.—Concluded.





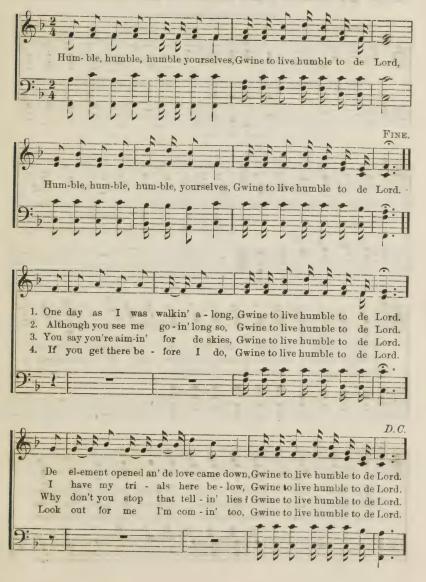
- 4 Class leader, you must bow so low, Class leader, you must bow so low, For low is de way to de upper bright world, Let de Heaven light shine on me. Cho.—Let de Heaven light shine on me, etc.
- 5 Oh, elder, you must bow so low, Elder, you must bow so low, For low is de way to de upper bright world, Let de Heaven light shine on me. Cho.—Let de Heaven light shine on me, etc.
- 6 Oh, deacon, you must bow so low,
 Deacon, you must bow so low,
 For low is de way to de upper bright world,
 Let de Heaven light shine on me.

 Cho.—Let de Heaven light shine on me, etc.

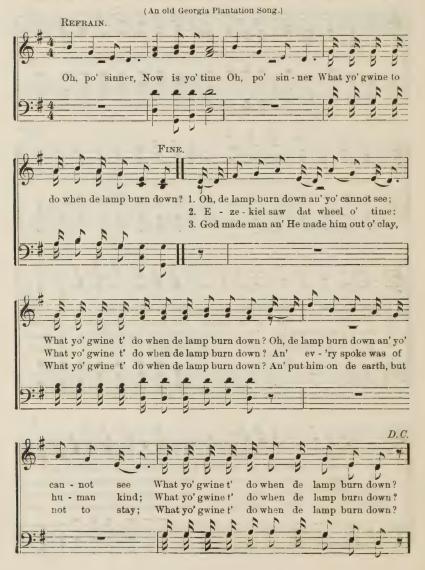
Eit on Board Little Children.



Gwine to Libe Humble to de Lord.



What Yo' Gwine t' Do When de Lamp Burn Down?



What Yo' Swine t' Do? etc.—Concluded.

4 Dey cast ole Daniel in de lion's den; What yo' gwine t' do when the lamp burn down? An' Jesus locked de lion's jaw;

What yo' gwine t' do when de lamp burn down?-Ref.

5 Ole Satan's mad an' I am glad; What yo' gwine t' do when de lamp burn down? He miss one soul he thought he had,

What yo' gwine t' do when de lamp burn down?-Ref.

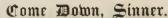
6 Ole Satan's a liar an' a conjurer too;

What yo' gwine t' do when de lamp burn down? If yo' don't mind, he slip it on yo'

What yo' gwine t' do when de lamp burn down?-Ref.

H've Got a Mother in de Weaben.







: Bow low, bow low,
Bow low, sinner, yo' none too late; :
Wen' down de hill t' say my prayer,
Come down, sinner, yo' none too late;
When I got dere, ole Satan was dere,
Come down, sinner, yo' none too late.

4 ||: Seek hard, seek hard, Seek hard, sinner, yo' none too late; :|| What do yo' tink ole Satan say?

What do yo' tink ole Satan say? Come down, sinner, yo'none too late; "Jesus dead, an' God gone away," Come down, sinner, yo'none too late.

Shout hard, shout hard,
Shout hard, sinner, yo' none too late;:
What t' do, I did not know,

Come down, sinner, yo' none to late; Right back home I had to go,

Come down, sinner, yo' none too late.

6 ||: Mourn hard, mourn hard, Mourn hard, sinner, yo'none too late; :|| Something spoke unto my soul,

Come down, sinner, yo'none too late; "Go in peace, an' sin no mo',"

Come down, sinner, yo' none too late.

Little David, Play on Your Marp.



Oh, When I Git t' Meaben.

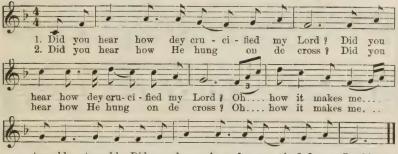
(Old Plantation Song from Alabama.)





- 2 Oh, when I git t' Heaven gwine t' sit an' tell, Three archangels gwine t' ring dem bell, Sittin' down side o' de Holy Lamb.—Ref.
- 3 Oh, when I git t' Heaven gwine t' ease, ease, Me an' my God gwine t' do as we please, Sittin' down side o' de Holy Lamb.—Ref.

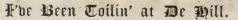
Did You Hear How Dey Crucified My Lord?



trem-ble, trem-ble, Did you hear how dey cru-ci-fied my Lord? trem-ble, trem-ble, Did you hear how He hung on de cross?

- 1: 3 Did you hear how He groaned, bled an' died? : Oh, how it makes me tremble. tremble.

 Did you hear how he groaned, bled an' died?
- 1: 4 Did you hear how dey laid Him in de tomb? : Oh, how it makes me tremble, tremble, Did you hear how dey laid Him in de tomb?
- 1: 5 Did you hear how He rose from de grave, I Oh, how it makes me tremble, tremble, Did you hear how He rose from de grave?



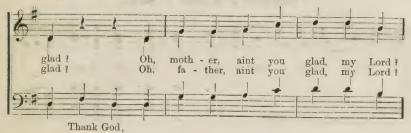








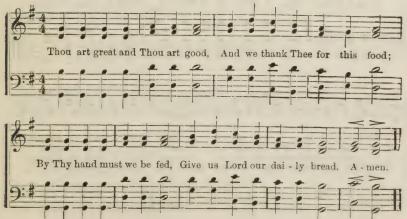
F'de Been Toilin' at De Mill.—Concluded.





- 3 Oh, sister, aint you glad?
 Sister, aint you glad?
 Oh, sister, aint you glad, my Lord?
 An' about t' git t' Hebben at las'.
- 4 Oh, brother, aint you glad?
 Brother, aint you glad?
 Oh, brother, aint you glad, my Lord?
 An' about t' git t' Hebben at las'.
 Cho.

Grace Before Meat at Mampton.



When I Come t' Die.



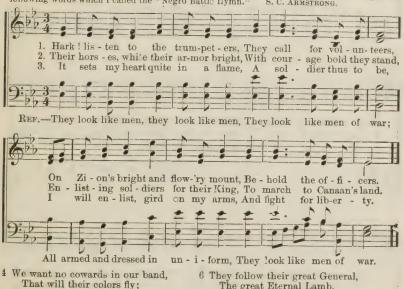
When I Come t' Die.



The Enlisted Soldiers.

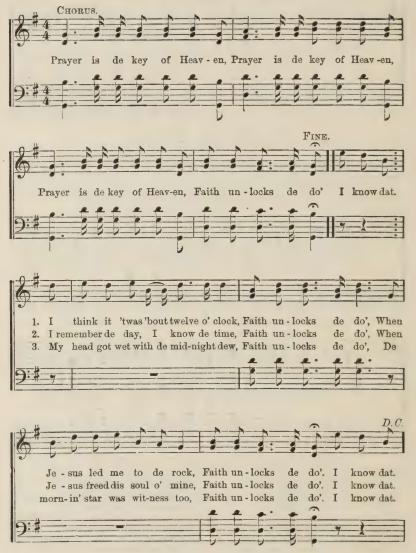
(Sung by the men of he U.S. Colored Volunteers.)

Note.—While recruiting and drilling the 9th. Regiment, U. S. Colored troops at Benedict, Maryland, in the winter of 1863-64, the men gathered around the camp-fire would sing by the hour the melodies of the plantation slave life that they had just left—not always very melodious; but late one evening I was startled by a magnificent chorus from nearly a thousand black solders, that called me from my tent to listen to its most inspiring strains, and I caught the following words which I called the "Negro Battle Hymn." S. C. Armstrong.



- We call for valiant hearted men, Who're not afraid to die.-Ref.
- 5 To see our armies on parade, How martial they appear, All arm d and dressed in uniform, They look like men of war. - Ref.
- The great Eternal Lamb, His garment stained in His own blood, King Jesus is His name.—Ref.
- 7 The trumpets sound, the armies shout, They drive the host of Hell, How dreadful is our God to adore, The great Immanuel.—Ref.

Prayer is de Rey of Meaben.





F Know F Would Like To Read.



I Know I Mould Like To Read.—Concluded.



- 2 If ebber I get up on de other sho' Like to read a sweet story of old. By de grace of God I'll come here no mo' I would like to read a sweet story of old.
- 3 I des wan' to get up on de mountain top, Like to read a sweet story of old. I'll praise my God an' nebber stop, I would like to read a sweet story of old.

Don't Call De Roll.



Jesus Ain't Comin' Mere t' Die Po Mo'.



- 1. Vir-gin Ma-ry had one Son, The cru-el Jews had him hung.
 - 2 Hallelujah t' de Lamb, Jesus died for every man. But He ain't comin' here t' die no mo', Ain't comin' here t' die no mo'.
 - 3 He died for yo' He died for me, He died t' set po' sinner free. But He ain't comin' here t' die no mo', Ain't comin' here t' die no mo',
 - 4 He died for de rich, He died for de po' He ain't comin' here to' die no mo', But He ain't comin' here t' die no mo', Ain't comin' here t' die no mo'.
 - 5 He died for de blind, He died for de lame, He bore de pain an' all de blame. But He ain't comin' here t' die no mo', Ain't comin' here t' die no mo'.

Steal Away to Jesus



Go Down, Moses



- 2 Thus saith the Lord, bold Moses said, 4 The Lord told Moses what to do,
 Let my people go;
 If not I'll smite your first-born dead,
 Let my people go.
 Let my people go.
 Let my people go.
 Let my people go.
- 3 No more shall they in bondage toil, Let my people go; Let them come out with Egypt's spoil, Let my people go.
- 5 When they had reached the other
 Let my people go; [ahore,
 They sang a song of triumph o'er,
 Let my people go.

Reep a=Hinchin' Along



Reep a=Inchin' Along—Concluded

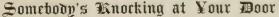
2 O you in de word an' de word in you, 3 How can I die when I'm in de word?

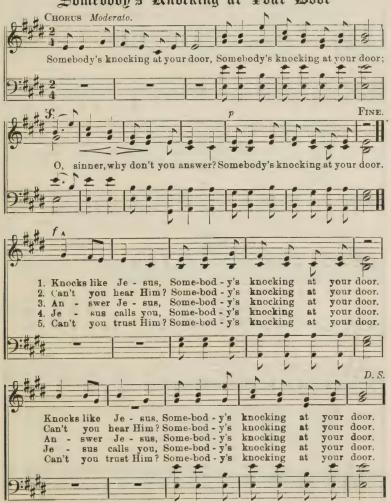
Massa Jesus comin' by an' by;
O you in de word an' de word in you,

How can I die when I'm in de word?

Massa Jesus comin' by an' by, Cho.—Keep a-inchin', etc.

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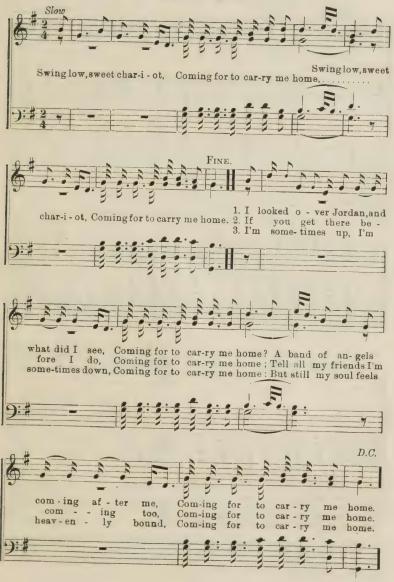
Lord, & Want to be a Christian



Maniel Saw the Stone







F Couldn't Mear Nobody Pray



- *The interjections used here are not the only ones which can be used, but may be changed according to the emotions of the leader.
- \dagger Let this stanza be exceedingly slow, about half as fast as the others, and the Chorus very soft. But go into the Refrain a tempo.

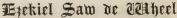
k Couldn't Mear Nobody Pray—Concluded





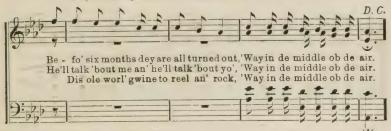
F Want to be Ready







Ezekiel Saw de Wheel—Concluded





I Know the Lord's Laid Mis Mands on Me



Down by the River



- Down by the river; [hands, "I find no fault of this good man,"
 Down by the river side.—Ref.
- 4 O fishin' Peter led the way, Down by the river; [of day, But nothing was caught till the break Down by the river side:—Ref.
- 3 Pilate called for water to wash his 5 Sister Mary wept and Martha cried, Down by the river; [hands, Down by the river;
 - When Christ the Lord was crucified, Down by the river side.—Ref.
 - 6 When we meet in the middle of the air, Down by the river;
 - We hope to meet our friends all there, Down by the river side.—Ref.

Going to Shout all over God's Meav'n



Going to Shout all over God's Heav'n—Concluded





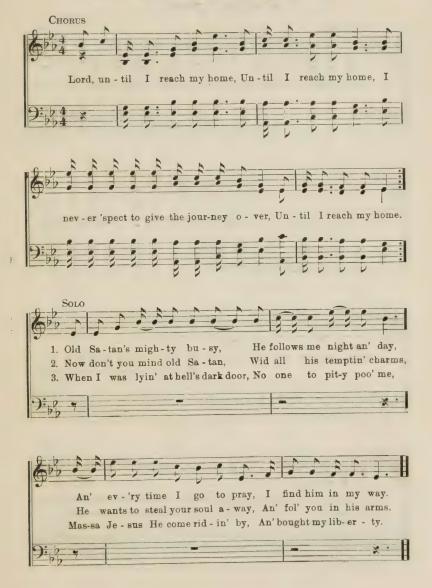


- Up-on the mountain my Lord spoke, Out His mouth came fire and smoke.
 All. around me. looks so shine, Ask my Lord if. all was mine.
- 3. Jor dan riv er is chilly and cold, Chills the bod-y but not the soul.
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Want to Go to Meaven When I Die



Lord, Until & Reach My Mome

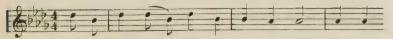


Where Shall I Be When de Firs' Trumpet Soun'?



Rise Up, Thepherd, an' Foller

(CHRISTMAS PLANTATION SONG)



- 1. Dere's a Star in de Eas' on Christmas morn, Rise up,
- 2. If yo' take good heed to de an gel's words, Rise up,



Shepherd, an' fol-ler; It 'll lead t' de place where de Shepherd, an' fol-ler; Yo'll for-get yo' flocks, yo'll for-



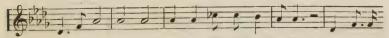
get yo' herds, ... Rise up, Shepherd, an' fol-ler;



Leave yo' sheep and leave yo' lambs, Rise up, Shepherd, an' fol-ler,



Leave yo' ewes an' leave yo' rams, Rise up, Shepherd, an' fol-ler;



Fol - ler, fol - ler, Rise up, Shepherd, an' fol-ler; Fol-ler de



Star o' Beth-le - hem, . . . Rise up, Shepherd, an' fol - ler.

Go Tell it on de Mountain

(CHRISTMAS PLANTATION SONG)



Reign, Massa Jesus





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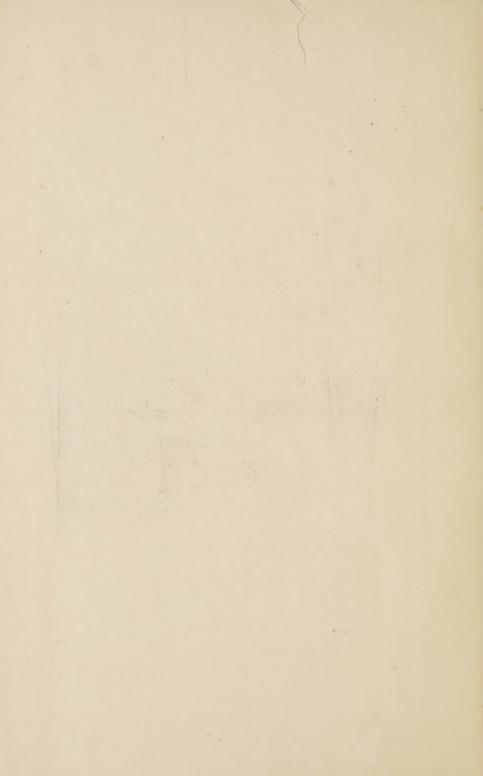
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